

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OHIO

ORGANIZING A LOCAL LEAGUE ENERGY-CONSERVATION MEETING

Background

Global climate change is a priority issue for LWVUS (click on <http://tinyurl.com/5vsrob>). In Ohio we are concentrating on encouraging governmental authorities to conserve energy. During the first year of the Energy Conservation project, League members surveyed thirty local authorities statewide, including county governments, cities, schools, and libraries. We have posted a report summarizing the surveys and recommending activities for state and local governments on this web site.

Governments at all levels use lots of energy. And they can save lots of energy. The Governor has taken the lead and mandated a fifteen percent energy reduction in State buildings by 2010 (click on <http://preview.tinyurl.com/6993wj>).. But local authorities are responding more slowly. This is where we believe that local Leagues can play an important role.

Suggested Meeting Program

Since the emphasis this year is on member participation, we have designed a participatory program. It involves up to three members volunteering to do up to six interviews using the LWVO questionnaire. Please check first with Al Rosenfield alanpeg@alum.mit.edu for a list of authorities in your area that have already been interviewed.

1. Chair reports on background material (LWVUS on climate change, LWVO on first annual report) (10 min)
2. Members summarize their survey results (30 min)
3. Membership discussion on what to do next (20 Min)

Program Follow-up

The most important results will be the suggestions for state and local action that the meeting generates. Please send a summary to Al alanpeg@alum.mit.edu or Jean jeanbyrd@sbcglobal.net . Also make sure that the completed survey forms are returned to one of the addresses given on them.

If you wish, Al Rosenfield will be happy to give a talk at a follow-up meeting

Other Resources at Energy Conservation Project Web Site

Green Counties & Cities
Green Schools
Green Libraries